



## Iberia FCS Advisory Meeting Minutes September 9, 2010

IBERIA FCS ADVISORY MEETING ATTENDEES: Amy Juneau, Agent-LSU AgCenter, Nikki LeMaire, Agent- LSU AgCenter, Wilda Naquin, Iberia LVFC, Mary Lee LeBlanc, Iberia LVFC, Bea Mamerow, Iberia LVFC, Irene Landry, Iberia LVFC, Claire Daily, Iberia Parish District Attorney's Office, Earl Dundas Jr., Smile Headstart Program, Jurita Jones, LSU AgCenter, Louisa Reddell, Iberia DCFS/OFS

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Amy Juneau. Amy and Nikki LeMaire introduced themselves and program areas. Mandy Armentor and Adrienne Vidrine were unable to attend but did send information on her program areas for attendees. Blair Hebert, County Agent and Parish Chair for Iberia Parish welcomed attendees. Blair explained the mission and role of the LSU AgCenter research and extension programs. Blair also discussed the budget issues and the possibilities of more cuts. Time was given for members to review the minutes of the last meeting and the issues facing the parish in 2009/2010.

Amy addressed the issue of childhood obesity in Iberia Parish with the Smart Bodies program. The Smart Bodies Program went to Caneview and North Lewis Elementary schools in 2009/2010 school year. She also discussed that it would be at Loreauville and Daspit Elementary schools this school year. She also spoke about the Six Easy Bites club that 9-12 year olds can enroll in. Nikki then gave a brief overview of the programs done for Family Development and the AgCenter has contracted with the District Attorney's office to provide a paraprofessional, Jurita Jones, for their mentoring moms program. In addition, Nikki LeMaire will continue to work with the program in a supervisory/consultant role. After last year's issues were addressed, Amy reminded participants of what the purpose and role of advisory committee members are. Amy did address that most if not all the agents do participate in TV appearances on Meet Your Neighbor and KANE radio segments.

Attendees were asked to identify current pressing issues that the FCS agents could address for the 2010/2011 programming year.

Suggestions made by members:

Clair Daily suggested that we attend the juvenile planning meetings to work together with the 16<sup>th</sup> judicial district.

Mary Lee LeBlanc mentioned that the Daily Iberia was doing a newspaper article on the LVFC and they all stressed the importance of the LSU AgCenter.

Issues identified are:

1. Stretching your food dollars
2. Internet bullying
3. Childhood Obesity

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.